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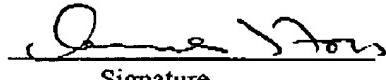
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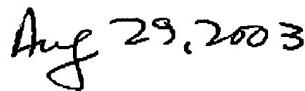
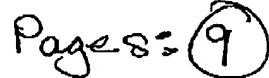
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Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Final Rejection issued July 1, 2003. Please amend the claims as follows: